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1. SUMMARY: EMBOFFS CONSULTED WITH SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ, DIRECTOR IN CHIEF (FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS) SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, ON SEPT 10, USING TALKING POINTS AND GUIDANCE IN REFTELS. HIS STATEMENTS AND REACTIONS ON VARIOUS ISSUES FOLLOW. MEXICAN POSITIONS WILL CLOSELY RESEMBLE THOSE OF LAST GA.

2. KOREA. HE EXPLAINED AWAY MEXICO'S SUPPORTING VOTE ON US POSITION IN LAST GA, THAT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION SHOULD BE ACTED ON BEFORE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, BY SAYING MEXICAN PRINCIPLE IS THAT RESOLUTION FIRST INTRODUCED SHOULD BE FIRST VOTED. SINCE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FIRST INTRODUCED FOR 31ST GA, MEXICO WOULD SUPPORT ITS BEING CONSIDERED FIRST. BASED ON HIS FIRST-HAND OBSERVATIONS AT COLOMBO NAC, HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT NORTH KOREA HAD SUFFERED A LOSS AT COLOMBO BY EXTREME POSITION IT TOOK AND HARSHNESS OF ITS ATTITUDE, ADDING THAT HE HAD ADVISED SOUTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVES HERE TO "COOL IT" AND LET
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NORTH KOREAN EXTREMISM TAKE ITS FULL TOLL. HE THOUGHT

NUMEROUS RESERVATIONS ON KOREAN RESOLUTION AT COLOMBO WERE DIRECT RESULT OF NK'S OVERPLAYING ITS HAND. HE SAID MEXICO HAD COME TO NO DECISION ON HOW TO VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS, ADDING THAT MEXICO FELT KOREA WAS PRECISELY KIND OF SUBJECT THAT UNGA SHOULD CONSIDER AND MEXICO TENTATIVELY HAS AGREED TO SUPPORT CONSIDERATION OF A SEPARATE ROK MEMORANDUM ON THE ENTIRE ISSUE. HE SAID MEXICO WOULD CONTINUE TO HOLD THAT TROOPS OF A FOREIGN POWER OUGHT NOT TO BE IN A COUNTRY UNDER UN AUSPICES. PRESENCE UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENT WAS SOMETHING ELSE. HE OBSERVED BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA WERE UNREPRESENTATIVE REGIMES, NOTING THAT US HAD RECENTLY PUBLICLY CRITIZED ROK FOR VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. MIDDLE EAST. HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH US OPPOSITION TO PALESTINE RIGHTS COMMITTEE AND REASONS FOR IT, AND MADE NO COMMENT ON THIS POSITION. HE DID NOT RAISE SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL ISSUE. HE COMMENTED ON SEPTEMBER 10 TIME'S REPORTING OF ISRAELI'S TAKING AN ACTIVE HAND IN LEBANON CRISIS, SAYING MEXICO HAD KNOWN OF IT BEFORE REPORTS BECAME PUBLIC.

4. ZIONISM/RACISM. HE WAS EMPHATIC THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN GOM POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, ARGUING THAT HE CONSIDERED MEXICAN REASONING AS EXPRESSED IN VOTE IN FAVOR OF UN RES NOTING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR DECLARATION (TEL AVIV 7981) WAS WELL GROUNDED IN LOGIC AND NOT SUSCEPTIBLE OF CHANGE. ASKED WHETHER PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S STATEMENT IN SAN ANTONIO TO TEXAS JEWISH LEADERS ON SEPTEMBER 8 (MEXICO 11591) MIGHT NOT INDICATE A SOFTENING OF THE GOM POSITION, HE REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT SEE THAT IT DID.

5. CYPRUS. PICKING UP OUR STATEMENT THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT "A LOW-KEY DEBATE", HE SAID THIS WAS LANGUAGE TURKS WERE USING (A HIGH LEVEL TURK IS CURRENTLY TRAVELING AROUND LATIN AMERICA PRESENTING THE TURKISH SIDE) AND ASKED IF US WOULD SUPPORT TURKISH PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER DEBATE TO COMMITTEE RATHER THAN PLENARY. WE ANSWERED THAT TURKS HAD ASKED US FOR SUPPORT BUT WE HAD NOT DECIDED QUESTION AND MIGHT ACCEPT A COMPROMISE POSITION. BY WAY OF GENERAL COMMENT, HE SAID WE WOULD NOT SEE TURKS AGREEING TO WITHDRAWAL AND THOUGHT FUTURE

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OF CYPRUS LAY IN TWO POLITICAL COMMUNITIES WITH A WEAK CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT.

6. WESTERN SAHARA. HE DID NOT BELIEVE A CONFRONTATIONS IN GA COULD BE AVOIDED AND APPEARED NOT TO KNOW ABOUT OAU PROPOSAL FOR A SUMMIT SESSION. HE SAID DEBATE ON SAHARAN ISSUE AT COLOMBO WAS MOST ACRIMONIOUS HE HAS EXPERIENCED IN 19 YEARS IO WORK, DESCRIBING ALGERIAN

CONDUCT AS REASONABLY CIVILIZED, BUT HE SAID MOROCCAN DELEGATION FOUGHT ISSUE AS IF ITS LIFE DEPENDED ON OUT-COME. PERHAPS IT DID, HE ADDED.

7. UNRWA FINANCING. NOTING THAT US HOPED TO BE ABLE TO INCREASE ITS UNRWA CONTRIBUTION, GONZALEZ GALVEZ SAID THAT EVERY TWO YEARS MEXICO, THROUGH CONASUPO (ITS NATIONAL BASIC FOODSTUFFS ORGANIZATION), CONTRIBUTED FOOD TO UNRWA. MEXICO WOULD CONTINUE THIS CONTRIBUTION BUT WAS NOT LIKELY TO INCREASE IT OR GIVE ANY MONEY TO UNRWA.

8. INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE. HE SAID MEXICO DID NOT AGREE WITH US POSITION THAT A REGIONAL GROUP OF STATES CANNOT IMPOSE A SEPCIAL LEGAL REGIME ON PART OF THE HIGH SEAS, SAYING THAT MEXICO BELIEVED IN GENERAL THAT THE AFFECTED PARTIES HAD SUCH A RIGHT. HE CITED GOM SUPPORT FOR LATIN AMERICAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE AND THOUGHT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WERE VALID ELSEWHERE. HE ALSO STRESSED THE BALANCED APPROACH TAKEN BY THE NAC AT COLOMBO ON THIS ISSUE.

9. INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. IN REPLY TO GONZALEZ GALVEZ'S QUESTION ABOUT US ATTITUDE ON FRG'S INTENDED PROPOSAL AGAINST TAKING OF HOSTAGES, EMBOFF'S INDICATED US LIKELY TO SUPPORT SUCH PROPOSAL. HIS BROAD COMMENTS WERE THAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM QUESTION IN UN NEEDS TO BE BROKEN UP INTO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THAT CAN BE DEALT WITH CONSTRUCTIVELY ONE AT A TIME. HE ARGUED THAT GOM, FOR INSTANCE, COULD NEVER SUPPORT GENERAL PROVISION FOR EXTRADITION OF "TERRORISTS", SINCE MEXICO WOULD NEVER RETURN "TERRORISTS" TO CHILE OR FOR THAT MATTER CUBA UNDER THEIR PRESENT REGIMES. HE ADVISED US TO KEEP LOW PROFILE ON THE FRG PROPOSAL.

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10. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. NOTING THAT US RESERVED ITS POSITION UNTIL CONTENT OF ANY CONFERENCE PROGRAM BECAME CLEARER, HE SAID MEXICO STRONGLY SUPPORTS A SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, REFERRING TO FONSEC GARCIA ROBLES' SPEECH AT CCD IN GENEVA.

11. UN BUDGET. HE AGREED ENTHUSIASTICALLY WITH US POSITION, EMPHASIZING PERSONAL BELIEF THAT UN BUREAUCRACY NEEDS TO BE REDUCED. HE RECONFIRMED AT SAME TIME GOM AGREEMENT WITH US THAT UN EMOLUMENTS SHOULD NOT BE INCREASED.

12. UN RESTRUCTURING. GONZALEZ GALVEZ WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF WORK OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS, WHICH HE SAID PERSISTED IN WORKING AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND WAS NOT ABLE TO PRODUCE ANYTHING OF VALUE TO DATE. HE THOUGHT COMMITTEE SHOULD NAME A DRAFTING GROUP. HE SUPPORTED US VIEW ON RENEWAL OF MANDATE OF JOINT INSPECTION UNIT.

13. OTHER SUBJECTS. HE DID NOT COMMENT, EXCEPT TO INDICATE UNDERSTANDING, ON SOUTH AFRICA AND ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION. HE DID NOT RAISE PUERTO RICO OR PAN-AMA CANAL OR SPECIFIC ISSUE OF ISRAELI SUSPENSION.

14. HE CONFIRMED THAT FONSEC GARCIA ROBLES WOULD HEAD THE MEXICAN DELEGATION, PROBABLY NOT BEING PRESENT AT BEGINNING BUT THERE FOR MEXICAN INTERVENTION IN GENERAL DEBATE, SET FOR 3 P.M., OCTOBER 4. GONZALEZ GALVEZ INDICATED THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA WOULD NOT ATTEND THE GA.

15. COMMENT: FOR THE 31ST GA, MEXICO IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE ITS PREVIOUSLY DELINEATED LINES OF INDEPENDENCE AND OF GENERAL SUPPORT FOR THIRD WORLD POSITIONS. WE EXPECT NO APPRECIABLE CHANGE FOLLOWING DECEMBER 1 INAUGURATION OF NEW PRESIDENT.
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